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Willing to Race the Yaphank Man or Any Other Septuagenarian One Hundred Miles on Ice.

STILL SOUND OF WIND AND LIMB.

Thirty Years Ago a Jaunt to Poughkeepsie and Back Was Merely a Spin, and Racing Was Between Men, Regardless of Time.

Newburg, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Daniel T. Weed, seventy-six years of age, ex-Superintendent of Streets and General Manager of City Parks, has consented to accept the challenge issued some days ago by Skater W. H. Weeks, of Yaphank, L. I., a seventy-three-year-old stripling. Mr. Weeks said the distance must be one hundred miles, for \$100 aside, and no applicant for skatorial honors with him must be under the allotted age of man—three score years and ten.

Mr. Weed's determination to take up the gauntlet in his old time sport has caused many of his friends to wonder if the man has lost his senses. He is a finely preserved specimen of manhood of the old school, and tells what he has to say in a plain, concise way. Being asked to tell why he had accepted the challenge thrown down by Mr. Weeks, he said:

"I don't know that there's any particular reason, except that I feel as though there is enough ginger in my old bones to dust any one of equal years in a long distance race on the ice."

"Weeks? Who is he, can you tell? Is there such a person? For several years this Weeks has been issuing challenges and claiming championships that he never had to win, because no one cared to skate him. I am getting tired of it, and so are my friends. I never skated for a wager or prize in my life. There's too much Methodist blood in me to do that. Captain Leander Clark will arrange the details, and all that I care to know about it is when and where the race will take place."

"In accepting the challenge I avail myself of the prerogative that belongs to me and select orange Lake as the place. There is ice there at all times during the winter, and I am sure it can be laid out. I am sure I have lost no opportunity of putting on my skates. Straight? No, not exactly. They are a trifle like myself—old-fashioned. They are about thirteen inches long and the skaters of to-day would scarcely select them as racers. But, you see, it is not to be a test of speed, but rather of endurance. A hundred miles is a long distance to walk, ride or skate, and when you pile years on top of a man's head, he finds his legs are not so lively as they were a half century before, although I must say that time has dealt kindly by me, and I can do as much work as the average man in a day. As for wind and endurance I have both, and I don't fear fatigue, for after working all day I frequently take a walk to the top of the Beacon across the river, about five miles there and back, just for exercise."

"My health has been equalled probably by very few of my years. For nearly a quarter of a century I have not lost a day's work from sickness, and doctors have not bought brownstone fronts with my cash. Thirty years ago Tim Donoghue, Charlie Shaw and a lot of us boys thought it just a little trip to start out from here at 10 o'clock, skate to Poughkeepsie, and get back in time for dinner. I have had skates on but never so far this winter, but off one thing I am certain, that I can make my mile as fast this year as I did last, and that is in less than three minutes; that's for a spin only, you understand."

"When the race is called, for I am presuming this man Weeks is no myth and has the courage of his convictions, I shall start off at a pace that I can keep up. Twelve miles an hour ought to be made, but you may rest assured that I shall go no faster than I am compelled to in order to win. At my age of life a man wants to be careful that he does not overtax his strength and thereby fill an untimely grave. I never wear a costume, and skis in my street dress generally without an overcoat. I could never get myself to put on one of those sweaters. We didn't use to have 'em, and the boys then skated just as fast as they could, begging for Donoghue's parlor for saying so."

"The score of the match in games was as follows: Total, 21 21 21 21—104. Patrick Barrett, 4 13 15 21—67."

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"You see that nowadays some one is holding a watch for every skater of note. Back in the 50's no one ever thought of taking time. It was man against man, and the fellow that won was the one that first won the race. Now it's time at the start, time at the finish, time all the time, and man says that Daniel T. Weed of Newburg is ready for Mr. Weeks of Yaphank, and does not propose permitting the championship aspirant to claim anything this winter without a contest. With me it's 'race or shut up,' and I think it will be the latter with the Long Islander. Racing in newspapers is easy; riding, it requires pluck, endurance and ability."

MARVELLOUS CLUB SWINGING.

Swung a Pair of Two-Pound Clubs for Twenty-six Hours Straight.

Tom Burrows, a sergeant in a British regiment now stationed at Cairo, Egypt, has just made, according to advices to the London Sportsman, one of the most remarkable and novel records for endurance ever known to sports.

Already the champion endurance club swinger of the world, Burrows, who is a handsome specimen of the human race, of medium height, undertook last month to surpass his own performance of twenty-four hours consecutive club swinging, made at Aldershot in March.

The test, which was a public one, took place in the Theatre Royal Soldiers' Club, Cairo, Egypt, beginning on the evening of December 18, under the following conditions:

(1) No rest or stop allowed during the twenty-four hours. (2) To swing no less than fifty complete circles each minute. (3) Clubs to weigh two pounds each and to be twenty-four inches long. (4) No artificial aid allowed to hold the clubs in the hands. (5) To swing not less than 70,000 complete circles in the twenty-four hours. To be not less than two judges at one time to watch the swinging.

The commencement was at 9:15 on Wednesday evening. From thence onward, through the evening and throughout the night and during the whole of the next day Burrows swung away without once stopping, until a mighty burst of cheering at 1:15 on Thursday night proclaimed that he had equalled his Aldershot feat. At 10:15 further enthusiastic cheering greeted his having made the fine world's record of twenty-five hours continuous swinging. Still the indomitable fellow went on, and at 11:15 on Thursday night he had swung six hours and fifteen minutes. Burrows was watched during the day by many persons, and throughout the night by other witnesses by Sergeant-Major De Vere and Squadron-Sergeant Bryan, of the Queen's Bays, on behalf of the military, and by the well-known Cairo jockeys, Messrs. Kennedy, Bonser and Boxall, and the manager of Shepherd's Hotel Bar.

M'MAHON'S CLEVER HANDBALL.

He Easily Outpointed Barrett in the First Series of the Match.

There was a large and enthusiastic gathering of handball experts and admirers at Phil Casey's Handball Court, Brooklyn, yesterday to witness the match between Jerry McMahon and Patrick Barrett. These men were matched several years ago to play the best six in eleven games for \$100 a side, the first five games to be played in Casey's Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, and the remainder of the match at the Jersey City court next Sunday.

McMahon was in the best condition by long odds and completely outclassed his opponent in every point of play.

Barrett was in very poor trim, and the easy, graceful style in which McMahon won the first game settled the question in the minds of the experts present, and to them it was a foregone conclusion that McMahon would prove the final winner. This game was won by the overwhelming score of 21 to 4. McMahon also won the next two games quite handsily. He really should have won the five games straight, but he slipped up on the fourth and lost it by a

few have a reserve fund of this very necessary commodity, manure and feed boxes are empty and horses are actually starving. The same state of affairs exists with the stable hand. Nearly every owner has turned adrift all hands but his foreman, and perhaps one boy to assist him.

A visit to the Alexander track yesterday gave some vivid pictures of the destitution that exists, and as one approaches that part of the grounds set aside for the stables memories of the invasion of Coxe's army are revived. On all sides were seen groups of poorly clad boys and men, huddled round fires, kept burning by the fuel they gathered on the river bank and in the neighboring patches of woods. They all looked gaunt and hungry, and ready for any scheme that would bring them a square meal and a warm bed.

Tom Follie, who runs a public kitchen on the track, was found looking after the few boarders who are still on his list. His story of the hardships that exist would surely appeal to some of the local charity organizations. He is "ull heart" and as one of his men puts it, and daily feeds dozens who may never be able to repay him, but his season has not been a profitable one, and for self-protection he is compelled to put a limit on his free distribution.

THEY HUNG FROM DOOR TO DOOR.

Many of the hungry ones walk over the Long Bridge to this city and beg from door to door for a piece of bread and a cup of coffee. Yesterday one of them stood all the afternoon where he could meet the crowd that passed to and from the Capitol. At one time this boy was employed in one of the most prominent stables in the country. He was then well clad, and all the comforts of home and was paid \$12 a month for his services as an exercise boy. He had an idea that his time was being wasted, and he had been sold or pawned to furnish food since the close down.

His story is but one of hundreds. The suffering, and it is said, is far as great. The few trainers whose feed boxes are well stocked are overrun with requests for "the loan of a handful of hay or a half of oats." This sort of thing has increased to such an extent that some trainers are feeding a dozen horses out side their own stable. Of course it does not pay to feed a horse, but it is a lot better than nothing, and so it will go on until necessity compels a halt.

In a number of cases owners and trainers have gone off leaving their horses in charge of a boy. Empty feed boxes bring a problem hard for the young mind to solve, and many of these lads have depended their own savings in supplying the wants of their dumb charges. When horses have become empty begging has been resorted to, and during the last day or two rumors of raids on the corn cobs of neighboring farms have been heard.

THE OUTLOOK VERY BARE.

The track officials are said to be giving out promises of an early reopening, but reports from Richmond hardly bear out these assertions. Should the lawmakers there pass a bill that it is difficult to see where any relief is to come from. Last year, with ten months of continuous racing, poverty and destitution have been the rule rather than the exception. The number of horses quartered on the two tracks has averaged 1,400. The amount disbursed in purses each day has been \$900, or about forty-two cents a day for each horse. This would not be a very profitable leaving nothing for salaries and keep or stable help, jockeys' fees, blacksmiths' bills or any other of the many expenses that come with the proprietorship of a racing stable.

The situation is a grave one, and it is difficult to see any way out of it. It is so on in sure to increase the destitution. The better plan seems to be to end racing.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

BUSINESS WAGONS—BUY OF MANUFACTURER; save dealers' profits; buy Wagons built on premises, warranted \$50. Washington, D. C. Jan. 12. A large number of business wagons are being sold at 254 Hudson.

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Empty Feed Boxes and No Money at Alexander Island.

Hardships of Stable Attaches, Who Huddle Around Bonfires on the River Bank.

THE GENEROSITY OF J. M. HILL.

The Well-Known Manager Furnishes Hay for the Horses, and Wholesome Food Is Distributed Daily to the Hungry at St. Asaph.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—As predicted when the close of racing in Virginia was first announced, the sudden wind-up has brought an immense amount of suffering, and of those who have found the two tracks a haven during the past couple of years not a dozen owners have been able to end the campaign with a profit. So long as the racing went on all managed to at least exist, but with the close-down all this has ended. The feed man has cancelled all credit lists now. Cash is necessary to obtain hay and oats, and as very

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The third annual boxing tournament of the Hamilton Athletic Club will be held at the Military Hall, Brooklyn, on the evenings of January 13 and 14. Entries for the tournament closed last night, and include some of the best-known boxers of New York and Brooklyn. The star bout will be between Billy Ernst and Barney Dillon.

The much-talked-of contest between Sammy Kelly, of New York, and Jack Ward, of Newburgh, will take place before the Eureka Athletic Club, of Baltimore, next Friday night. It has occupied the attention of followers of boxing for the past few weeks, and a large number of sports will leave the city to witness it. The battle will be twenty-five rounds, preceded by an eight-round preliminary between Joe Elliott, of Baltimore, and Joe Gans, the undefeated feather-weight champion of Maryland. Kelly has met some of the best men in his class, and has never been defeated.

Jack Everhardt is quoted as saying that in event of a victory for him in his coming fight with George Zerk, he will claim the lightweight championship. He seems to have forgotten that he has been defeated by George Zerk, and that he has no right to claim a title before he can hope to justify it by an championship title. Everhardt's defeat by Zerk was a severe blow, and has a long road to travel before reaching the championship class.

Cycle Races To-night at the Garden.

An interesting programme of bicycle races has been prepared for this evening at Madison Square Garden, beginning at 8 o'clock, as an additional attraction to the presentation of prizes to the successful competitors in the six-day bicycle race which finished Saturday night. The contests will be one mile each with the following riders: First Race—May Allen vs. Ada Steiner. Second Race—Brown vs. Eddie Flanagan. Third Race—Mrs. Myers vs. Katie Staples. Fourth Race—Grace Fisher vs. Ruth Daniels. Fifth Race—Allen vs. Ada Steiner. Sixth Race—Helen Baldwin vs. Frankie Nelson.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

this kind in the State forever, and to force its followers into other vocations.

Not so bad at St. Asaph.

Over at St. Asaph matters are not so bad, thanks to the generosity of J. M. Hill, the chief owner of the track. He has purchased three hundred loads of hay and a couple of car loads of oats which he has ordered to be distributed where it is really needed. He has also opened a kitchen where good plain food is distributed to the hungry that find quarters on the track. Neither man nor beast is permitted to go hungry, but during the early part of the week the suffering was fully as great as it is at Alexander Island. Many are inclined to think this generosity of Mr. Hill means that he expects an early opening of his gates, but after his announcement that the Virginia Jockey Club is opposed to winter racing, it does not seem likely that the opening will come before March, even should matters be smoothed over at Richmond, which looks hardly possible. It may be that he will go on distributing rations for the couple of months, but it would mean an immense outlay, and unless something new develops within a few days there will probably be a change in his plans.

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